

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Wednesday, March 8, 2006.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Gracious God, we begin today's session with a prayer of thanksgiving for the material and spiritual blessings which You have given us and we often take for granted. We are grateful for Your personal love and concern for us, for the love of our families and for the concern of relatives, friends and associates for our well-being. We are grateful, too, for the many and various opportunities which we enjoy as residents of this country and Commonwealth and for the freedoms to live meaningful, happy and productive lives. As we count our blessings, teach us to be aware of the needs of others, especially the members of our communities who cannot care for themselves or their families. Inspire us to use our talents and gifts from You wisely, both for our own benefit and for the good of society.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

### *Guests of the House.*

During the session, Mr. Travis of Rehoboth took the Chair and introduced a delegation from Massasoit Community College. Representative Travis then read resolutions previously adopted by the General Court in recognition of the college's fortieth anniversary and presented said resolutions to Dr. Charles C. Wall, President of the college, who addressed the House briefly. James Yaitanes, President of the Student Senate then also addressed the House briefly and presented a plaque to Representative Travis. The members of the delegation were the guests of Representatives Travis, Kafka of Stoughton, Galvin of Canton, Kennedy of Brockton, Creedon of Brockton and Canavan of Brockton, as well as Senators Creedon and Joyce.

Massasoit  
Community  
College.

### *Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Rogers of Norwood, DiMasi of Boston, Tobin of Quincy and Sanchez of Boston) congratulating Sarah A. Arscott on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America; and

Sarah A.  
Arscott.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Frost of Auburn) congratulating the Auburn High School varsity football team on the Division II-A Superbowl championship;

Auburn  
High School  
Football  
team.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Fallon of Malden, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

*Ordered.* That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Health Care Financing be granted until Wednesday, April 12, 2006, the time within which to report on all matters referred to them.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 2757 and 2785, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning Medicaid (House, No. 4736).

By Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 1870, 3565, 3582, 3590, 3598, 4085, 4147 and 4148, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning municipal issues (House, No. 4731).

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 746, 2614, 2617, 2618, 2622, 2625, 2633, 2661, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2686, 2703, 2710, 2712, 2750, 3639, 3645, 3647, 3648, 3649, 3661 and 4289, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning public health in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4732).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2667 and 2737, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning genetically modified organisms and the licensing of denturists (House, No. 4733).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2742, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning the medical use of marijuana (House, No. 4734) [Representative Hargraves of Groton dissenting].

Health Care  
Financing  
committee,  
extension  
of time for  
reporting.

Medicaid,  
study.

Municipal  
issues,  
study.

Public  
health,  
study.

Genetic,  
study.

Marijuana,  
study.

By Ms. Rivera of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on Senate, No. 1330 and House, No. 1407, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning port safety in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4735).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of said order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill requiring school districts to develop a certain health program (House, No. 1030).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 334 and House, Nos. 1127, 1145 and 1199, a Bill to improve quality physical education (House, No. 4737).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, for the committee on Education, on Senate, No. 2097 and House, Nos. 1025, 1044, 1045, 1072, 1169, 1183 and 1202, a Bill relative to public school attendance requirements (House, No. 4738). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on House, No. 4212, a Bill authorizing the town of Shrewsbury to exchange certain land (House, No. 4739) [Local Approval Received].

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill requiring the Board of Higher Education to establish an international education curriculum (House, No. 1252).

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, No. 3628, a Bill to expand MassHealth access to children (House, No. 4740) [Cost: \$3,000,000.00].

By Mr. Rodrigues of Westport, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, No. 3577, a Bill relative to streamlining and expediting the permitting process in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4741).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to kindergarten registration (House, No. 1040).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to clarify the rights of employees in education collaboratives (House, No. 1113).

Port safety,  
study.

Health  
programs.

Physical  
education.

Schools,  
attendance  
requirements.

Shrewsbury,  
land  
exchange.

International  
education.

MassHealth.

Permitting  
process,  
expand.

Kindergarten,  
minimum age.

Education  
collaboratives.

Hospitals,  
self payers.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on a petition, a Bill requiring hospitals to offer care to self payers (House, No. 2752).

Children's  
medical  
security  
plan.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure affordable premiums in the children's medical security plan (House, No. 2788).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

*Engrossed Bill.*

Bill  
enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Brookline to lease certain town-owned land (see House, No. 4113) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Recess.*

Recess.

At eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until the hour of two o'clock P.M.; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next  
sitting.

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

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At two minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Nyman of Hanover (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.